In the spring of 2011, The Donoho School embarked on a capital campaign, “Defining the Difference,” to enhance the educational experience for our current students and for those who will enroll in the future. To prepare our students for the future, the “Defining the Difference” campaign seeks to modernize current campus facilities with the addition of two buildings and to update our campus technologically through the implementation of campus-wide upgrades.

In March 2012, through the generosity of donors and with guidance from the board of directors and school president, the first phase of the campaign began. The existing press box/concession stand facility was demolished and a new facility was erected at Lentz Field adjacent to Sproull Gymnasium to accommodate the growth of our athletic programs. The facility was completed on Wednesday, September 12, and a groundbreaking ceremony was held Friday, September 14, as the Falcons returned home to play their first home game of the 2012 season.

The new facility includes concessions, storage, press box and video areas. New restroom facilities and a new stadium entrance were added adjacent to the existing Sproull Gymnasium. The new facility has enhanced the athletic area of our campus and provided an area of which all Falcon fans can be proud!
One-to-One iPad Program Piloted with Junior and Senior Students

The Donoho School’s mission is to “provide a quality, college-preparatory education for capable, highly-motivated students.” Our mission is clear; we are tasked with preparing our students for a successful college experience from admission to graduation.

The Donoho School is at an important juncture in its history. The view from this juncture reveals a technology-driven world; however, technology is an ongoing investment and requires continuous funding. It is time for The Donoho School to take the next step in advancing technology on campus by transforming the teaching and learning process to include mobile technologies on a variety of smart devices.

Due to the generosity of several recent donors and the ongoing commitment from the Donoho Parents’ Association, the school is beginning the process of upgrading the current wireless infrastructure on the middle and upper school campus and installing this same capability in our lower school, fine arts building and gymnasiums. All junior and senior students now have iPads for use in their classes, and the faculty of these students have been through professional development training in their respective subjects to prepare them to make learning in their classrooms mobile.

The school will phase in additional on-line courses while continuing to offer traditional courses in hybrid format using podcasts, blogs, etc. Assessments will be performed through a learning management system (LMS). This will enable student-to-student, student-to-instructor, and instructor-to-student collaboration.

Rendering of New Lower School Multi-Purpose Facility Unveiled at Grandparents’ Day

It was a special day on the Donoho campus as our lower school students welcomed their grandparents and grandfriends to the school to celebrate these special people who are so important in their lives. It was also a special day because the rendering of the new Lower School Multi-Purpose Area was unveiled to faculty, students and grandparents/grandfriends.

Mrs. Jan Hurd, president of The Donoho School and grandmother of Emma ‘22, Zoe ‘24, Addie ‘25 and Cooper ‘26, shared her excitement about this new addition to the lower school and the progress that has been made as a part of the “Defining the Difference” campaign. The campaign, which kicked off in the spring of 2011, has raised more than $725,000 towards its working goal of $1.592 million and has allowed the school to complete the new student-athlete facility adjacent to Sproull Gymnasium and pilot the one-to-one iPad program with current junior and senior students.

The new Lower School Multi-Purpose Area is a proposed 4,725 square foot addition and will be added to the existing gymnasium. The new facility allows for an air-conditioned lunchroom and a stage area for lower school assemblies, special events and student performances. It will include cafe-style seating for 138 and assembly-style seating for 297. A fenced area in front of the proposed addition will allow for student horticulture projects and create a more secure environment.

For more information about this project, naming opportunities, or to make a gift to the campaign, please contact Director of Development Paige Faulkner at (256) 237-5477 or pfaulkner@donohoschool.com.
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Many have asked how they can help our school. We as a family have been given a wonderful opportunity to aid the current capital campaign by simply choosing to make purchases at the new Texaco convenience store on US Highway 78 across from the turn to Oxford Lake (1053 Hamric Drive).

The school will receive one penny for every gallon of gasoline sold. This program will raise at least $10,000 a year. We can double or triple this amount if we make an effort to purchase fuel at this location as often as possible.

This program has already proved successful for another local school resulting in thousands of dollars within a year’s time. This creative offer comes from Mr. Sameer Mousa, owner of SAMCO Express Marts and parents of Katrina, ‘23 and Klara, ‘25, students in our lower school.

We encourage you to visit this station with your gas and convenience store purchases to easily support the school’s current capital campaign. Your participation will be very beneficial and greatly appreciated by The Donoho School family.

Thanks for your ongoing commitment to The Donoho School!